

Amendments to the Drawings:

A replacement sheet representing a formal drawing of Figure 1A is being submitted herewith. The replacement sheet includes an amendment to Figure 1A.

In Figure 1A, "drive motor 102" has been replaced by "rotational drive 102". Applicants submit that support for the amendment to Figure 1A can be found in at least paragraph 0007 of the specification and in at least claims 1 and 15 as originally filed. Applicant submit that no new matter has been added to Figure 1A. Applicants request consideration and approval of the formal drawings by the Examiner.

Enclosure: Replacement Figure 1A

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in this application. Of these pending claims, Claims 1-3 and 13-20 stand rejected; Claims 4-12, 21 and 22 are allowed; and Claim 23-27 stand withdrawn.

By way of this paper, Claim 1 has been amended.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

The foregoing amendments and following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding office action, and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Drawings

The proposed drawing corrections filed August 3, 2006, stand objected to because Figure 1A introduces new matter into the disclosure.

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Specification

The specification stands objected because an amendment to paragraph 0012 introduces new matter into the disclosure.

By way of this paper, the relevant portion of paragraph 0012 of the specification has been amended to read "Roller 16 rotates in a direction opposite to roller 12 and can be driven by a ~~drive motor~~ rotational drive 102". Applicants submit that support for the amendment to paragraph 0012 can be found in at least paragraph 0007 of the specification and in at least claims 1 and 15 as originally filed. Applicants request consideration and approval of the amendment to the specification by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-3, 14, 15 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Paxton ('480) reference.

Claims 1, 13, 16-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Lee ('466) reference.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to positively recite the term "slipsheet". Applicants submit that neither reference cited above discloses a slipsheet compactor as described in claim 1. In this respect, the Paxton ('480) reference discloses a method of disposing cull lettuce while the Lee ('466) reference discloses a paper shredder. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejection of Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

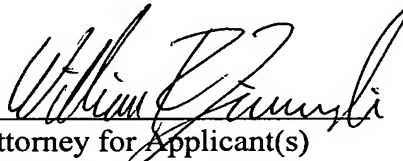
The remainder of the claims being dependent from claim 1 are considered patentable for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is considered patentable.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance, prompt notice of which is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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